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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: US Forces Korea (USFK) Command Policy Letter #51, Loaning and Leasing CENTRIXS-K Equipment to ROK Entities

1. Applicability: This policy supersedes any previous guidance or practice with regard to loaning or leasing CENTRIXS-K equipment to ROK entities and takes effect immediately upon signature. This policy remains in effect until formally rescinded or superseded.

2. References:

- a. Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA) (23 Feb 04)
- b. Theater Automated Command and Control Information Management System (TACCIMS) (26 Feb 99)
- c. Support and Reimbursement Memorandum of Agreement (SRMOA)

3. Policy Statement: As of 1 Oct 09, no USFK entity or organization will loan or lease C4I equipment to any ROK entity. All loans and leases of US C4I equipment to any ROK entity must be on a fully reimbursable basis in accordance with US law and properly promulgated ROK-US bilateral agreements. Therefore, if ROKs require additional C4I assets, a formal request must be submitted and vetted thru the Requirement Change Request (RCR) process.

4. Background: Loaning or leasing CENTRIXS-K equipment to ROK entities without proper review and authority is inappropriate and in violation of US policy.

a. USFK cannot maintain excess CENTRIXS-K equipment for the purpose of sustaining ROK requirements for either "fight tonight" readiness or for the execution of readiness exercises.

b. USFK and CFC exercises are designed to test and train our capability to "fight tonight" to defend the ROK and to develop our future Alliance command and control structures. The recurring loaning or leasing of C4I equipment to fill known ROK C4I shortfalls works directly against the desired future of the Alliance by inaccurately portraying current ROK C4I readiness and capability.

c. With regard to ROK JCS exercises, loaning C4I computers to ROK entities is unlawful because there is no full reimbursement for the use of such equipment, and under the circumstances is inconsistent with US law and policy.

d. During major exercises in the past, the ROK has temporarily leased USFK CENTRIXS-K equipment. However, this practice and such transactions work directly against the stated long-term goals of the ROK-US Alliance and the intent for building ROK military self-sufficiency. Leasing C4I and particularly CENTRIXS-K equipment to the ROK vice ROK procurement of such equipment reinforces an unhealthy dependency on the part of the ROK,

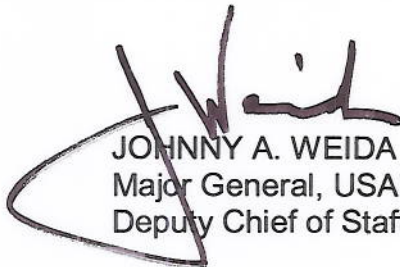
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facilitates the ROK to abdicate known and mutually-recognized defense requirements and responsibilities, and thwarts the necessary development of ROK systems, capabilities, and self-sufficiency. Further, the past practice of leasing equipment during ROK-US combined exercises has continually undermined ROK-US C4I cost-share negotiations.

5. Accordingly, no C4I equipment or services will be provided to ROK entities without full reimbursement. All ROK requests for C4I equipment and services will be formally requested and evaluated thru the RCR process. If the RCR is approved by the J6/J36 requirements board, J36 will determine cost estimate. For real world requirements, J36 will handle the reimbursement process, and for exercises, J37 will handle the reimbursement process. RCRs requesting loaning/leasing of C4I equipment will additionally be staffed through JA; and when appropriate, based upon extraordinary circumstances only, approved by the USFK J3.

6. POC for this policy letter is Lt Col Kimberly Fleming, J63, DSN 725-5255.



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